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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES GRANTS TO FIGHT MARYLAND CRIME

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announced that today the Office of Justice Programs of the United States Department of Justice awarded a series of federal grants for law enforcement purposes in Maryland.

“The Department of Justice isn’t just interested in prosecuting criminals,” said United States Attorney Rosenstein. “Our goal is to prevent crime.”

The grants announced today include \$364,596 for a Gang Prevention Initiative in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County, \$450,000 for a family drug court implementation program in Harford County, and \$245,082 for a Youth for Justice program to address violence by and against youth in Baltimore City.

The Montgomery and Prince George’s County Gang Prevention Initiative plans to provide services through the Crossroads Youth Opportunity Center to implement gang prevention, intervention and suppression strategies including intake and assessment, referral assistance, education and remedial services, workforce preparation, mental health and substance abuse counseling.

The Circuit Court for Harford County will use its implementation grant to support a family drug court to help non-violent, substance abusing parents return to a drug-free lifestyle and assume the full responsibilities of parenthood.

The Baltimore City Youth for Justice project helps find ways that law-related education can address violence by and against youth. While promoting safe, disciplined and drug-free schools, the program helps young people develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes of effective citizens, encourages youth to participate in activities that benefit their communities, and equips them with the skills to combat substance abuse, crime and violence.

Further information about Department of Justice grants, including a complete list of grants awarded in Maryland last year, are available on the internet at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.

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